

110 . HISTORY OF THE ABIPONES.

CHAPTER XIII.

OF THE FOOD, JOURNEYS, AND OTHER PARTICULARS OF
THE ECONOMY OF THE ABIPONES.

222 THE wild Abipones live like wild beasts. They

224 neither sow, nor reap, nor take any heed of

• [24] agriculture. Taught by natural instinct, the

[82] instructions of their ancestors, and their own

[82] experience, they are acquainted with all the

productions of the earth and the trees, at what

part of the year they spontaneously grow, what

animals are to be found in what places, and

what arts are to be employed in taking them.

421 All things are in common with them. They

have no proprietors, as with us, of lands, rivers,

and groves, who possess the exclusive right of

hunting, fishing, and gathering wood there,

Whatever flies in the air, swims in the water,

and grows wild in the woods, may become the

property of the first person that chooses to take

[412] it. The Abipones are unacquainted with spades,

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231 ploughs, and axes; the arrow, the spear, the

club, and horses, are the only instruments they

make use of in procuring food, clothing, and

221 habitation. As all lands do not bear all things,

and as various productions grow at various